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LIFE PROGRAM OF THE YOUNG MAN

EVERY ONE HAS RICHFUL PLACE

Sermon of Mr. Abernethy on Sunday Points Out the Method Whereby Each Should Find His Right Place

"The Life Program of a Young Man" was the subject of Rev. J. E. Abernethy of Central Methodist church Sunday morning.

Every boy should have a supreme purpose in this world. There is a place for every man and a man for every place.

Belief in Christ is the first and highest essential, and remember that he who provides for this life but takes no thought for eternity is wise for the moment but a fool for all time.

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been overlooked. He's not fit to live a all. Practice the principle of execution. No matter what our talents are, we should be worth something to the home, to the world, to God, that we may hear him say "This is one of my boys, in whom I am well pleased."

The young man should lay supreme emphasis on character. The speaker then told of the rich man who built bigger barns to hold his substance and was preparing to enjoy his riches, when, that night his soul was required of him.

The young man needs, more than anything else, the bread of life. It is within his reach—he can take it or leave it; but if he passes it by someday his famishing soul will cry out for it.

Jesus says "Seek first the kingdom of God." You will have to give an account of the deeds done in the body therefore get ready for that which must be.

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NOW 72 YEARS OLD.

And His Birthday Makes Wingate Philosopher Kinder Balance Off the Good and the Bad—A Rucus in the City—Local and Personal Matters.

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THE SUFFRAGETTE CONVENTION

Threatening Weather Kept Many Away, But a Nice Crowd Was Present Notwithstanding—The Play Abounded in Mirth.

Although the weather was threatening Friday night, a good sized audience greeted the local stars who presented "The Suffragettes" Convention in the courthouse, and they were well rewarded, as the house was kept in an uproar from start to finish.

The play was purporting to be a gathering of local ladies for the purpose of hearing Mrs. Cecil Meacham, who played the role of Mrs. Joanna Hightower Overmore, distinguished suffragette lecturer and former partner of Mrs. Sylvia Pankhurst, make a speech.

The delicate part of Miss Jane Lovington was ably portrayed by Miss Lottie May Blair. She displayed talent, and for a while kept the audience wondering who she was.

Other parts were: Suzanne French, Mrs. Albert Redfern; Rosalya Belle, Miss Irene Thomas; Eleanor Grandee, Miss Beatrice Fairley; Miss Cameo Talk-nuchee, Miss Sarah McNeely; Miss Arabella Golightly, Miss Muriel Hinde; Dr. Mercedes Osterpath, Miss Tilly; Mrs. Highstep, Miss Mary English; Mrs. Stepandfetchit, Miss Blanche Howie; Mrs. Goodnuff, Miss Eleanor Gurney; Mrs. Parson Toogood, Mrs. Pratt McNeely; Mrs. Willie Bragwell, Mrs. Estelle Stewart; Mrs. Kicklighter, Mrs. John Fairley; Mrs. Loupore, Mrs. Craven Gordon; Mrs. Troublemaker, Miss Evelyn Smith; Mrs. Twiggis, Miss Annie Bernard Benson; Tiny Twiggis, Catherine English; Flossie Troublemaker, Miss Mary Dean Laney; Johnnie Troublemaker, Francis Laney; Aunt Dinah, Mr. Herndon Hasty; Deacon Tucker, Mr. Pickett McLarty; Mrs. Militant Booster, Miss Evelyn Wolfe; Miss Sallie Scrapper, Miss Eleanor Beasley; Policeman, Mr. Archie Fairley; Club Members, Misses Catherine Shute, Elizabeth Hudson, Annie Welsh, Beatrice Dillon, Sarah Welsh and Mary Griffith.

Mrs. Estelle Stewart, as Mrs. Willie Bragwell, made a hit when she appeared on the stage in a dainty, but unbecoming suffragette attire, and said: "O, I didn't know it was so early. Good evening to you all! I left Willie out in the buggy by himself. I didn't care much about coming to the meeting, but everybody else was coming, and I had so many dresses with hats and gloves to match I've never had an opportunity to wear I just thought I'd run in for a little while anyway. I know Willie is going to whistle for me directly. I hope nobody will think I want to vote, though, for I shoo don't. If I did, I'd vote just like Willie told me, for I'd never meet any of the candidates and I don't know whether I'd like them or not."

The play centered mostly around Miss Evelyn Smith, as Mrs. Troublemaker. She wanted the women to vote so she could be elected chief of police, drive the saloons, and Messrs. Frank Marshall, Clayton Laney and Clifford Fowler out of town. Miss Mary English, as Mrs. Highstep, favored woman suffrage so that they could have a word to say in the management of school affairs. She claimed that she and Mr. Highstep would have to send their "Little darlings" to a private school because her boy set opposite a cross-eyed girl in school, and thereby caught the affliction.

And what is a play without Mr. Pickett McLarty? He was a star attraction in the suffragette's convention, playing the part of Deacon Tucker. When in the midst of the meeting, he walked gracefully into the room and carried the charming Miss Jane Lovington off on his arm, promising aid in the materialization of her suffragette dreams, he provoked applause. Mrs. Pratt McNeely, as Mrs. Parson Toogood, was present at the meeting, because everybody else was, so there would be no one to talk. But she got indignant, and haughtily left the room. "Aunt Dinah" couldn't see no sense in such affairs, and advised the women, if they got the vote, to enact legislation so they could stay at home more. Miss Tilly, as Dr. Mercedes Osterpath, also got indignant and left the convention before its adjournment.

Then ups and downs commenced to appear. So and so's hubby wanted his supper cooked, and so-and-so's children were crying. So after the distinguished Mrs. Overmore had made her speech, the meeting was adjourned, leaving Mrs. Yetsingle in tears because a suffrage order had not been effected. A local quartet, composed of Messrs. Glenn Wolfe, Rob Laney, George Lee and Bill Cole sang several selections.

SEES END OF WAR IN 7 MONTHS H. G. Wells Says That the Mastery of the Air by the Allies Will Turn the Trick.

H. G. Wells, the noted author, is in Paris, just returning from the French and Italian fronts. He says that the Germans will begin to "squeal" in November.

He also says the war will end in seven months because of the marvelous organization along the western front, the allies' mastery of the air, due to the French excelling in photography from aeroplanes, and, finally, because of the superiority of the

allies' barrier shell fire, which enables the artillery to batter the German trenches to pieces, thus enabling the infantry to charge without suffering heavy losses.

Wells says the Italians can take Trieste in two weeks if they wish, but, instead, are developing their offensive toward the north of Gorizia. The Austrians dare not bombard Gorizia because of the large Austrian population still there.

At the beginning of the war Wells proposed a fleet of 10,000 aeroplanes for invading and bombarding Germany daily. The American escadrille, comprising fourteen aviators, will be moved soon to a more important sector of the French front.

Nearly all of the Americans have been in Paris recently on furlough before being transferred to a livelier sector.

WHAT THE GERMANS THINK Admit Success of Enemies But Say These Are Insignificant—Soldiers Go Forward Prepared to Stay a Week Without News.

An Associated Press correspondent with the German army in France wrote as follows on Sunday: German officers with whom the Associated Press correspondent conversed during the present three days visit to this front admit freely, as on earlier occasions, that the Anglo-French armies have gained some successes in their Somme offensive and that it is not impossible that they will crush back the German front a few more miles in spots by a continuation of the stupendous hammering with artillery and human flesh.

But they declare that these successes are relatively insignificant and without effect on the ultimate result of the war. On the other hand, they express themselves as convinced that the German army, by virtue of its trained general staff and veteran company of regimental officers, is enormously superior to the hastily raised British levies. The French army they consider well officered and well trained.

The artillery preparation for the great allied attacks Sunday and Monday is described by soldiers and French civilians who heard or saw it from points behind the lines, as the most stupendous of the campaign. On the hills for four or five miles behind the front it was necessary to shout at the top of the voice in order to conduct a conversation.

What the inferno in the front line trenches under the steady pounding of the big guns is in a way perhaps best realized from the fact that the troops moving forward to occupy the first line positions go prepared to hold out for at least a week without communication with the rear.

Not only the front lines, but the whole terrain in the rear, lie under such a vehement and unbroken fire from artillery and mine throwers that it is unsafe, often impossible, to go forth even at night to bring up food and water. Telephonic communication with the front cannot be maintained with dependence—so often are the wires cut and so dangerous is it to repair them. This has led to a revival of carrier pigeon communication and the introduction of birds for carrying messages, not for long distances, but as the only dependable medium of communication from the front to the rear.

Pigeons and heliographs often bring the only assurance to the commander that the troops are still holding the positions. Occasionally even these fail. Points which the correspondent visited had had no word from a company in the front line for eight days. It was known that the company was holding out only because of the fire which the British artillery still directed on their sector of the front. It is no longer correct to speak of these lines as trenches; they usually consist of shell craters, linked by rough and ready communication trenches.

The British artillery, so far as the correspondent has observed, and as he has been informed by German officers, is shooting very well. The British aviators have been troublesome. They not only have helped the artillery immensely in observation but have even co-operated with the infantry in storming attacks, and in several instances they are reported to have swooped down upon the German positions from the rear, using machine guns and bombs on the defenders from elevations as low as 400 or 500 feet.

The Ferry on the Highway. Hamlet Messenger. It was learned from Mr. C. R. Smith that he had finished the two and a half miles of grading of road from the new ferry between Richmond county and Anson out to where the road has been built for some time. Only a little trimming and ditching is needed and the bridges put in by the county, the yard or landing built which will take about two weeks. No doubt the cable will be in place by that time and as the ferry boat is already made and in, there will be nothing to do but connect with the cable. Then the people of the two counties can pass and repass, the great highway from Wilmington to Charlotte will be complete and quite a modern road most of the way.

Some men kick when they have a heavy load to carry, and some others kick because they haven't the price of a load.

FREIGHT TRAIN SMASHED BUT ONLY ONE MAN KILLED

MINERAL SPRINGS SCENE OF WRECK SUNDAY

Eighteen Cars Went to Splinters and Goods Strawn Everywhere—Two Wrecking Crews Worked All Day Sunday—Negro Hobo Only Man Killed.

An unidentified negro hobo was instantly killed Sunday morning at 1:52, when through freight, No. 85, Monroe to Birmingham, was derailed near Mineral Springs. The train was in charge of Engineer John Cheatham of Abbeville, and Conductor Tot Morgan of Monroe, and Flagman Frank Benton also of Monroe. Eighteen cars were overturned, and wrecking crews from Monroe worked all day Sunday removing the wreckage and repairing the track.

The derailment was caused by one of the wheels in the second car from the engine breaking.

The negro was horribly crushed. It was said that both legs and arms were broken; his throat cut; and one side of his head almost smashed in. Coroner Plyler was notified, and he held an inquest. The verdict was "that he came to his death by his own hand." The remains of the negro were wrapped up in a sack, and turned over to some colored people in the community, who buried him in the Ebenezer cemetery.

A white man was also stealing a ride on the train when she was derailed. He escaped unhurt, and was walking up the track, towards Waxhaw, when he met some persons and told them of the sad plight of the negro. The dead man was not found until about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. It is not known where the negro was riding, but most of those familiar with the accident state that he must have been riding on the top, for if he had been between the cars, his body would have been mashed into jelly. Special Officer Robinson, who was at the scene early, concurs in this opinion.

Hundreds of people visited the wreck Sunday. In the woods around the station were hundreds of horses, mules and automobiles, making the scene resemble a campmeeting. Throngs gathered around the wrecking trains all day, watching them bodily pick up freight cars and dump them to the side. On the banks were piles and piles of merchandise that had been thrown out of the cars. Some of the goods were consigned to Springfield, Mo., Tulsa, Okla., and other southwestern points. In the eighteen cars that were derailed, were a solid car load of shoes, car load of tobacco, and car load of soap. On the banks near the track, were hundreds of packages of Bull Durham smoking tobacco, Chesterfield cigarettes, Piedmont cigarettes, tomatoes, dry goods, shoes, peanuts, candy, paper, pianos, soap, toilet articles and underwear.

The damage could not be accurately estimated. Some place it at \$100,000, while others put it at less or more. The Seaboard Atlanta trains had to go around by Charlotte over the Southern tracks Sunday, but transportation over the road was resumed yesterday.

BOB GLENN COMING Ex-Governor and War Horse of Democracy Will Open the Union County Campaign in Monroe on September 21.

Mr. J. C. M. Vann, Chairman of the Democratic Executive committee of the county, announces that he has secured Ex-Governor Glenn to open the Union county campaign. The veteran campaigner will speak in the courthouse at 2 o'clock, Thursday, September 21.

Chairman Vann could not have secured a more popular speaker than Gov. Glenn. The ex-governor has always been popular in this county. He has made many speeches here and has hosts of friends in both town and county.

Governor Glenn is a member of the International Boundary Commission which deals solely with questions arising on the border of this country and Canada. The position pays \$7,500 per year. This position has not caused him to give up lecturing and speaking all about over the country. He has been on a tour of the west under the auspices of the National Democratic Executive Committee and is just now returning.

His first engagement in this State is Lincoln, September 20 and he swings eastward with dates at Monroe and Charlotte September 21, Gastonia September 22, Concord September 23 and engagements thereafter in Goldsboro, Clinton, Whiteville, Kenansville, Wilson and other points in daily succession. State Chairman Thomas D. Warren is arranging still more engagements for this distinguished campaigner to follow those already scheduled.

A State of Prejudice. "What's your favorite study?" "Botany," replied the indifferent student. "But they don't teach botany in your school." "No. If they did they'd probably turn me against it, as they have with most of the others."

John P. St. John, a candidate for the presidency on the prohibition ticket in 1884, twice Governor of Kansas and one of the most widely known temperance advocates in the United States, died Thursday night at Olathe, Kans. He was 83 years old.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes W. M. S. Hopewell (Aug. 31) \$27.00, Y. W. A. Monroe 7.50, Sunbeams, Monroe 12.00, W. M. S. Marshville 3.00, Sunbeams Marshville 4.00, W. M. S. Shiloh 5.00, W. M. S. Hopewell (May 31) 6.00, W. M. S. Hopewell (Aug. 31) 5.20, Total \$70.63, MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.